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MEMORANDUM FOR : Project Security Office 25X1A9a
[REDACTED]
THROUGH : Mr. Missall (For Concurrence)
SUBJECT : Release of NACA Classified WX Reports

1. In a recent meeting in Project Headquarters, 5 May 1958, Mr. Harry Press, of NACA, told me that NACA had a report covering the U-2 gathered weather data above our published altitude ready for distribution. This data could be most helpful to our aircraft companies in their designing of future high altitude aircraft or missiles and he knew the aircraft companies have been requesting NACA to obtain high altitude data.

2. Mr. Press would like to see the aircraft companies and any others who need this data have access to it, but our project security stands as a roadblock to NACA's distributing these reports through their normal channels.

3. There are two ways which a reasonable amount of project security could be maintained:

a. NACA could put out a classified report giving only general data and curves showing no specific data points or regions from which gathered. These reports would have normal distribution to currently qualified receivers of NACA classified reports.

b. The complete unbridged NACA classified document could be distributed to a few select top scientific people, such as chief design engineers, in the more important aircraft and missile companies with the stipulation that they withhold the reports but feed sanitized information to their design groups.

4. I recommend that 3.b. be adopted. I would suggest that the USAF have someone brief those in industry who are to receive the reports to the effect that this comes from the USAF U-2 program. No mention of the Agency or CHALICE need come into this. Those in industry who are to get this briefing and a copy of the NACA report will be approved first by us as a record of who is to have the data. The actual reports should not go through normal NACA channels, but should be delivered to the proper recipients through our administrative or security channels directly, [REDACTED] 25X1A9a

5. I also recommend that NACA be allowed to give these reports only "Secret" classification since while they reveal true altitude

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and location of WX U-2 sampling, they neither reveal Agency sponsorship nor true mission. The fact that NACA/AWS detachments are located at [REDACTED] are publicly known already so that all they [REDACTED] altitude, which I believe is adequately covered by "Secret" classification.

25X1A9a 6. If you concur in the recommendations above, I believe [REDACTED] can work with Messrs. Walt Bonney or Mr. Harry Wears of NACA, [REDACTED] to carry this to fruition.

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CONCUR in recommendations presented
in paras. 3b, 4, and 5.

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